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Bro. Phelps,

Mr Willey has been absent a week or more, and the care of the Standard has devolved upon me meanwhile. You will see a little piece in this week's paper which might lead you to suppose Mr Willey was revealing the contents of Warren's letter to you, and I write this so that you may not misunderstand it. I knew the contents of it before you sent it to Mr Willey. And that he (Warren) sent you such a letter is no secret in this State.

I was in Windham when Warren wrote that letter, and he came to the house where I was stopping, and in a room where even a number of persons he gave a history of the affair (his version of it) and read the letter aloud, not as private or confidential either. He afterwards wrote to Mr. Wolcott what proposal he had made to you, and that if you did not accept it he should make a "burnt offering" of you. This letter he read to me alone. You will thus see that the allusions made to these things will not involve you.

Your suspicions were right about the "Minor man." He had been at Warren's two days (over the Sabbath) when the letter was sent to you.

Resp. & truly Yours Woodbury Davis